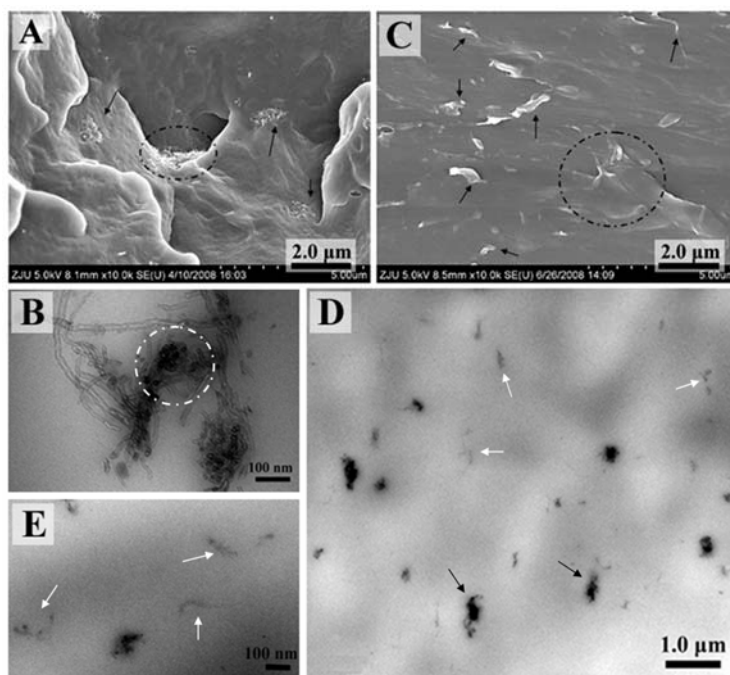


**Fig. 1** TGA curves of pristine CNTs and its functionalized derivatives in nitrogen atmosphere



**Fig. 2** SEM images of (A) CNTs and (C) C<sub>60</sub>-d-CNTs, TEM images (B) CNTs and (D, E) C<sub>60</sub>-d-CNTs in polypropylene matrix